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General Duties Branch

Wing Cdr. A. S. G. Lee, M.C., is seconded for duty with the Turkish Government (October 15); Sqn. Ldr. S. McKeever, D.F.C., is seconded for duty with the Turkish Government (October 15); Flt. Lt. E. H. Wheelwright is transferred to the Reserve, Class A (November 5); Sqn. Ldr. C. W. L. Trusk, A.F.C., is cashiered by sentence of General Court Martial (November 5).

Medical Branch

Flt. Lt. P. J. McNally, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., is promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader (November 12).

Chaplains Branch

The Rev. F. Hobbs is granted a short service commission with the relative rank of Squadron Leader with effect from and with seniority of November 2.

Royal Air Force Reserve

Reserve of Air Force Officers

General Duties Branch

The following Flight Lieutenants are promoted to the rank of Squadron Leader (November 5):—F. Thomasson, D.F.C., M.M., R. S. Barbour, T. E. W. Browne, D. S. Green, A. G. Loton, R. N. Riddell, C. E. Eckersley-Maslin.

Auxiliary Air Force Reserve of Officers

General Duties Branch

Flt. Lt. the Hon. H. C. H. Bathurst relinquishes his commission (October 21).

R.A.F. Appointments

General Duties Branch

Wing Commanders.—A. C. Bayley, to Headquarters, Training Command, Market Drayton; for Air Staff duties, 6.10.37. R. A. George, M.C., to R.A.F. Station, Hawkinge; to command, 25.9.37.

Squadron Leader.—R. H. S. Spaight, to Directorate of Staff Duties, Air Ministry, vice Sqn. Ldr. E. H. Hodgson, 4.11.37.

Flight Lieutenants.—R. H. Hobbs, to R.A.F. Station, Calshot, 9.10.37. J. N. McAuley, to No. 220 (General Reconnaissance) Squadron, Bircham Newton, 9.10.37. D. S. J. Miller, to No. 4 (Army Co-operation) Squadron, Odiham, 1.11.37. W. J. Hickey, to No. 24 (Communication) Squadron, Hendon, 23.10.37. S. Keane, to No. 4 Flying Training School, Abu Sueir, Egypt, 5.11.37.

Equipment Branch

Squadron Leader.—F. H. Sims, to Directorate of Equipment, Air Ministry, 3.11.37.

Flight Lieutenants.—A. E. Haes, to No. 47 (Bomber) Squadron, Khartoum, 23.10.37. P. Alderson, to No. 3 Equipment Depot, Milton, 25.10.37. W. A. Stagg, to Headquarters, Coastal Command, Lee-on-the-Solent, 1.11.37.

Accountant Branch

Squadron Leader.—S. C. Wyatt, to R.A.F. Station, Halton, 29.10.37; for Accountant duties, 29.10.37.

Flight Lieutenant.—C. F. Goatcher, to Headquarters, No. 6 (Auxiliary) Group, London, 8.11.37.

Medical Branch

Flight Lieutenants.—L. M. Corbet, to No. 5 (Army Co-operation) Squadron, Chaklala, India, 9.10.37. F. W. P. Dixon, to Home Aircraft Depot, Henlow, 20.10.37.

Owing to the greatly increased length of these lists as a result of R.A.F. expansion, ranks are confined to those of Flight Lieutenant and above.

FOREIGN SERVICE NEWS

Orders and Equipment

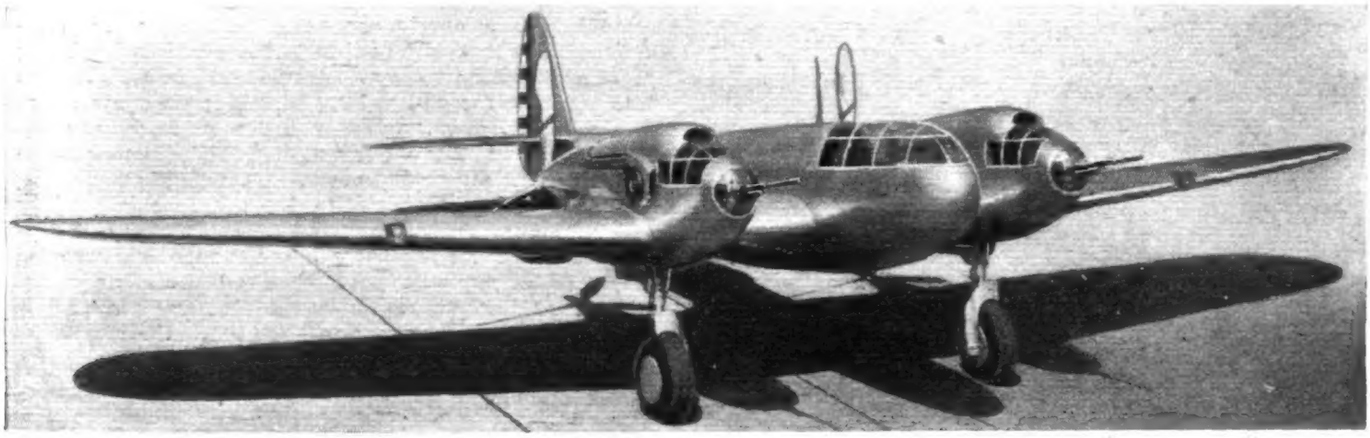
THE Canadian Car and Foundry Co., which holds the Grumman licence in Canada, has sold forty fighters to Turkey and three to Nicaragua.

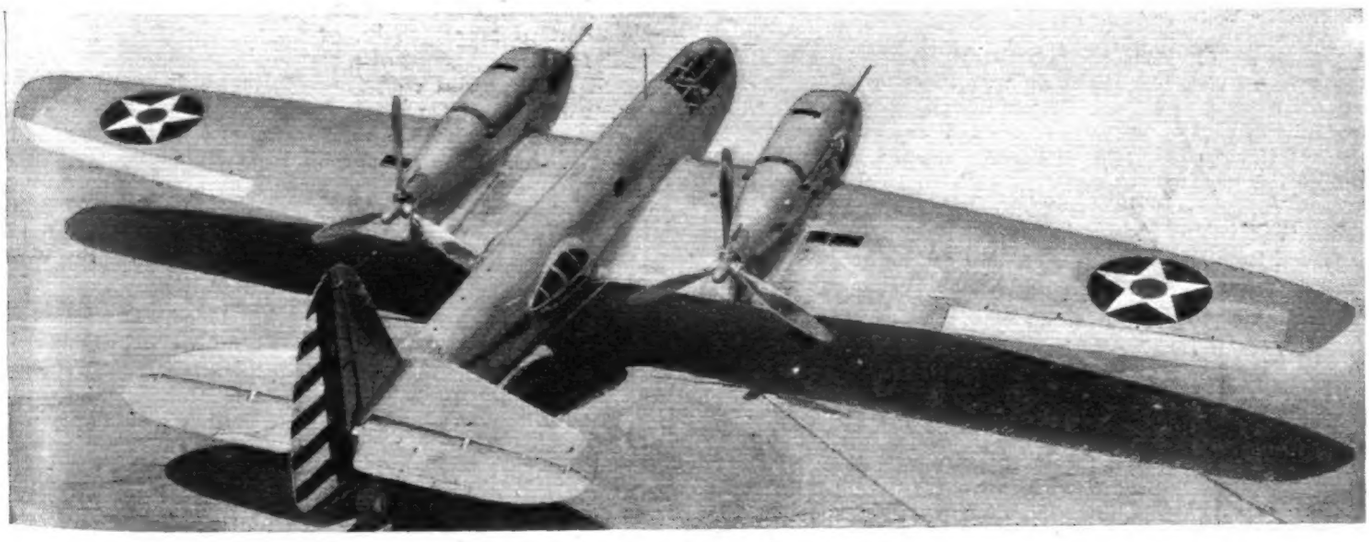
Canada is buying twenty more flying boats on next year's defence budget. Five of the machines—Supermarine Stranraers—are now under construction at the Vickers plant at Montreal. The price is 125,000 dollars apiece.

The fastest Navy dive bomber in the United States is the mid-wing Cyclone-powered Brewster. A single-seater, along generally similar lines, will shortly be delivered to the U.S. Navy.

The Northrop concern, which is building 54 BT-1 dive bombers for the U.S. Navy, has developed the XBT-2, an improved model with a fully retractable undercarriage and constant-speed airscrew.

It seems that the new American Curtiss twin-engined attack machine ordered by the U.S. Army Air Corps will have the Pratt and Whitney Twin Hornet engines.





UNORTHODOX: Two illuminating new views of the American Bell Airacuda ("Tiger of the Sky") pusher multi-seater fighter fitted with two 1,000 h.p. Allison liquid-cooled engines with exhaust-driven superchargers. Two "cannons" are mounted in the nacelles and there are Browning machine guns in fuselage "blisters." The prototype machine is now on test.